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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Frederick Coffay Yohn was born on Feb. 8, 1875 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Albert Brown and Adelaide Ferguson Yohn. He spent one year studying at the Indianapolis Art School, and his first commercial illustrations were for the *Indianapolis Illustration* and the *Indianapolis News*. He moved to New York City in 1894 and studied at the Art Students League. He worked for Harper and Brothers, then became a freelance illustrator for magazines and books, especially for Hoosier authors, and specialized in military illustrations. His research, accuracy, detail and love of history, military action, and costumes resulted in very expressive, effective illustrations, and his treatment of the nude human figure is unparalleled. His painting, "The Fall of Ft. Sackville," is now the property of the Indiana Historical Bureau and was the subject of a U.S. postage stamp issued in 1929 on the 150th anniversary of the surrender. He is best known for his painting of George Washington at Valley Forge. He painted many illustrations for the military services of the U.S. during World War I. He was often known professionally as F. C. Yohn.

He married Gertrude Klamrock of New York in 1908, and they made their home there, then moved to Boston, Massachusetts. They had at least two children, Fred C. and Albert K. Frederick died June 5, 1933 and is buried in the Lakeview Cemetery, New Canaan, CT.

Information found within the collection. "F.C. Yohn dies: Indiana artist". Indianapolis Star 7 June 1933: p. 13, col. 5. Print.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes 2 autographed, signed letters from Fred C. Yohn in Boston, Massachusetts ranging from 1928/01/07 to 1929/03/09 regarding his paintings.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

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